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### **FISH KILL HITS BEAR CREEK NEAR DYERSVILLE**

DYERSVILLE — Another fish kill has hit the North Fork Maquoketa River watershed near Dyersville.

The fish kill in Bear Creek, a tributary to the North Fork Maquoketa River, killed a small number of creek chubs, suckers and minnows on Wednesday. This fish kill was minor, as most fish in the creek were killed three weeks ago in another manure-related fish kill. The kill is not expected to spread to the river.

At least one source of the fish kill has been identified. A feedlot four miles upstream, owned by Martin Kruse, had been draining manure-contaminated water from a structure that holds manure and storm water runoff. The contaminated water discharged from a pipe directly into Bear Creek. The feedlot will be cited for a number of violations, including water quality and manure handling violations, and for failure to have a manure management plan.

There are likely more sources of manure that contributed to this fish kill, and the DNR is working to identify potential problem areas in the watershed, and to work with landowners to clean up these sites.

The DNR will continue to investigate the incident and will pursue appropriate enforcement actions for responsible parties.

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